REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 8, 2010

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Power, Mr. Puzio, Mrs. Salny, Mr. West and Dr. Friedberger. Mr. Giarratano arrived at 6:17 PM.

Also present were Dr. Vitta, Superintendent, Dr. Deborah J. Grefe, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. Iaciofano, Esq., Special Council arrived at 6:32 PM.

Public announcement was read regarding the "Open Public Meeting Act." No Board Member objected to the conduct of the meeting as advertised.

Motion made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. West to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" the Rockaway Township Board of Education will meet in closed session to discuss matters involving (personnel, litigation, acquisition of real property, security, negotiations, receipt of governmental funds), the content of said discussions will be disclosed to the public at such time and extent as is required by law.

All present voting yes, motion carried.

The Board met in closed session.

Motion made by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mrs. Salny that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:01 PM
Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:01 PM Also present were 84 visitors and no members of the press.

Dr. Friedberger opened the regular business meeting of the Board.

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. West to open the public session of the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

Resident addressed solar presentation. He raised some questions regarding brokering and warranty questions/issues. He made a request to place this topic on a public voting agenda. He raised an issue with the minutes/minute taking and suggestion to use a recording device for the purpose of accuracy.

Resident addressed the issue of employee negotiations and need for structural changes in the collective bargaining process.

Resident read into the record excerpts from an article on collective bargaining.

Dr. Friedberger clarified that the Board discussed his prior meeting comments in Public not in Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Puzio, seconded by Mr. Jackson to close the public session of the meeting 7:17 PM.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

COMMUNICATIONS — **Correspondence**

Dr. Gary J. Vitta	Re: Thanksgiving Message
Marcello Monte	Re: Negotiations
Ted Doty	Re: Solar smell test
Ted Doty	Re: Mueller and Doty on the same side?
Ted Doty	Re: Financial Condition
RTSEPAC	Re: Invite - Meeting Schedule/Family Outreach Presentations
Ted Doty	Re: "Puzio's expertise"
Don Ondish	Re: Solar Energy

APPROVE MINUTES — **Approve Minutes**

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. West to approve the minutes of November 17, 2010.

Roll Call Vote on above, Mr. Jackson abstaining, all others present voting yes, motion so carried.

The following information was presented by the Superintendent in his report: — **Supt Report**

Dr. Vitta thanked the Board/Staff/Public for the sympathy cards on the passing of his father.

Dr. Vitta distributed tenure and service pins to staff.

Dr. Grefe provided a PowerPoint presentation on the NJ ASK Testing Results. Members of the Board and Public asked questions and made comments. Dr. Grefe strongly suggested that if the Public has questions call her and visit with her. — **NJ ASK Presentation**

Mr. Allshouse made a presentation on the Copeland Middle School After School Activities Program. He addressed all the components of this comprehensive program. He addressed potential revenue issue this year and next year. He was encouraged by the turnout. He suggested he and his administration meet with the Board to discuss the future of the program. Various Members asked questions and commented. Mr. Allshouse addressed the questions and commented on future club offerings. — **After School Activities Presentation**

Informational Items:

- Enrollment – November
- Fire/Security/Evacuation Drills - November
- Nurses' Report – November
- Field Trip Report – November
- Parent-to-Parent – December 2010-January 2011

The following was presented by the Business Administrator in his report:

Dr. Verbist dispensed with his report.

Board Communications Committee — **Board Communications**

Mr. Giarratano indicated that the last meeting was rescheduled. He asked the Committee to set a date for the next meeting.

Negotiations — **Negotiations**

Mr. Jackson addressed the initial meetings with the various bargaining units.

The following actions were taken during the Regular Meeting of the Board:

Personnel

The Superintendent of Schools recommends actions on the following certificated personnel:

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Power to approve the following personnel recommendations.

Employment/Home Instructors — **Employ Home Instructors**

Approve the employment of the staff members listed below as Home Instructors, on an "as needed" basis, effective September 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $44.00 per hour:

Elizabeth Barlowe
Christine Ciampi
Geraldine Collins
Rosemary Heath

Explanation: Instructional and bi-lingual staff necessary to provide Home Instruction, where needed.

Employment/Substitute Teachers **Employ Subs**

Approve the employment of the following state and county certified Substitute Teachers indicated below for the 2010-2011 school year:

Rosalie LaDuca	William Paterson University, NJ (MA)	
Wharton, NJ	Certification:	State
	Effective Date:	December 9, 2010
Wendy Lynch	County College of Morris, NJ (AA)	
Boonton, NJ	Certification:	County (School Nurse)
	Effective Date:	December 9, 2010
Ann Tomaszeski	Fairleigh Dickinson University, NJ (MA)	
Rockaway, NJ	Certification:	County
	Effective Date:	December 9, 2010

Job Reassignments **Job Reassignments**

Approve the job reassignment of Sharon Cohen, from part-time Academic Intervention Teacher at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, to part-time Resource Room Teacher for the morning session, Grade 2 and Grade 3, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective December 6, 2010 through December 23, 2010.

Explanation: Increased enrollment in Resource Room class.

Approve the job reassignment of Amy Feld, from State Certified Substitute Teacher for the District to Leave Replacement Assignment for Mrs. Dodgson, full-time Resource Room Teacher at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective December 1, 2010 through April 29, 2011. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem. (Mrs. Dodgson is expected to return to work on May 2, 2011).

Approve the job reassignment of Tara Toohey, from Leave Replacement Assignment for Grade 1 Teacher at the Stony Brook School to part-time Academic Intervention Teacher for the District, at 19.50 hours per week, effective December 6, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The prorated salary is $30,730.00 (BA Step 5).

Job Reemployment **Job Reemployment**

Approve the reemployment of the following Occupational Therapist and the Physical Therapists on an "as needed" basis, at $75.00 per hour, effective December 8, 2010 through January 4, 2011:

Mary Ann Loreng

Jill Budd
Denise Glew
Charlotte Kalb

Leaves of Absence **Leaves**

Approve a leave of absence for Karen Renaud, full-time Academic Intervention Teacher at the Birchwood School, with pay, effective November 16, 2010 through November 24, 2010, the leave will continue, without pay, under the Federal Family Leave Act, effective November 29, 2010 through December 31, 2010. (Mrs. Renaud is expected to return to work on January 3, 2011).

Approve a leave of absence for Kimberly Wettstein, full-time Grade 7 Math Teacher at the Copeland Middle School, with pay, effective February 7, 2011 through March 21, 2011, the leave will continue, without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective March 22, 2011 through May 6, 2011. (Mrs. Wettstein is expected to return to work on May 9, 2011).

Approve a leave of absence for Cherry Wnek, full-time Grade 2 Teacher at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, with pay, effective January 28, 2011 through March 28, 2011, the leave will continue, without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective March 29, 2011 through May 31, 2011. (Mrs. Wnek is expected to return to work on June 1, 2011).

Resignations

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Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Phyllis Casey, full-time Academic Intervention Teacher, at the Birchwood School, effective July 1, 2011.

Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Stephen Gottlieb, Principal of the Katharine D. Malone School, effective July 1, 2011.

Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Craig Wilson, Principal of the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective July 1, 2011.

Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Sylvia Ziegler, Principal of the Birchwood School, effective July 1, 2011.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends actions on the following non-certificated personnel:

Leave of Absence

Leave

Approve a leave of absence for Moshira Gobran, part-time Staff Assistant at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, without pay, effective November 15, 2010 through December 10, 2010. (Mrs. Gobran is expected to return to work on December 13, 2010).

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

Curriculum/Instruction

Motion made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mrs. Power to approve the following curriculum/instruction recommendations.

Approve Natalie Kitts, a Kean University student, to complete her Level 1 fieldwork in Occupational Therapy at the Stony Brook School from January 27, 2011 through May 5, 2011.

Student Teachers

Explanation: Required coursework for completion of MS degree in Occupational Therapy.

Approve Christina Santoro, a Kean University student, as a student teacher at the Stony Brook School beginning January 18, 2011 through May 9, 2011.

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

Approve Jamie Tortorella, a Caldwell College student, for 40 hours of observation at the Copeland Middle School beginning January 2011.

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

Approve Noreen Drucker, Educational Consultant, to prepare and present various ELL parent and teacher workshops during the 2010-2011 school year for a total of $600.00 to be paid out of NCLB Title III grant funds.

Explanation: As per the District's Professional Development Plan.

ARRA Training Fee AssistiveTek

Approve Dr. Brian S. Friedlander, of AssistiveTek, to conduct an Assistive Technology Workshop at Copeland Middle School on December 20, 2010. Half of the $200.00 training fee will be paid with ARRA Grant money.

Explanation: Professional development for staff, as per the district's Professional Development Plan.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

Administration

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. West to approve the following administrative recommendations.

Approve D.D., under the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program (N.J.S.A. 18A:36B), to attend a school outside his district of residence.

Interdistrict Choice

Bergen Co Sp Svcs

Authorize a contract between Bergen County Special Services and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct Assistive Technology evaluations for the 2010-2011 school year, on an as needed basis, at the rate of $835.00 per evaluation.

Explanation: Rockaway Township Child Study Team does not provide this service.

Cerebral Palsy

Authorize a contract between Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct augmentative evaluations for the 2010-2011 school year, on an as needed basis, at a rate of $650.00 per evaluation.

Explanation: Rockaway Township Child Study Team does not provide this service.

Sp Ed Placement

Approve out of district placement for a special education student at Head Start Community Program of Morris County, effective December 6, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Student will receive speech sessions only at a rate of $54.00 per ½ hour session.

Explanation: As per student's IEP and least restrictive environment. Head Start will not charge a tuition fee for this student.

Dual Use

Authorize the submission of Application For Dual Use to the County Superintendent for the 2010-2011 school year for the following classroom:

Stony Brook School
Room133

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

Finance

Dr. Verbist addressed the Public questions on the solar project. Dr. Verbist provided a detailed explanation on the revenues and cost effectiveness of the proposed plans. Various Board Members asked questions and commented on the program and the District's needs in general.

Motion made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Puzio to approve the following finance recommendations.

Bills

Authorize payment of the December bills, as approved by the Finance Committee.

Authorize payment of December Student Activity bills, as approved by the Finance Committee.

Travel

Be It Resolved in accordance with Chapter 53 and Board Policies 4133 and 9250 the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the attached travel expenses as they promote the delivery of instruction, critical to the instructional needs of the district and/or further the efficient operations of the district (see attached).

Be It Further Resolved, that the travel is educationally necessary and fiscally prudent and is directly related to, and within, the scope of the current responsibilities for district employees/trustees and the district's Professional Development Plan.

Explanation: As per statute, boards of education are required to establish a maximum budget for travel and subsistence, the Board may not exceed this maximum.

Bid Trucks

Sealed bids were **r**eceived on December 1, 2010, for Equipment Sale – Maintenance Trucks. Three (3) bidders responded as follows:

	Vehicle #26	Vehicle #25	Vehicle #21	Vehicle #20
Jersey One Auto Sales, Inc.	$2,331.00	$3,133.00	No Bid	No Bid
Liberty Motors, Inc.	$2,601.99	$2,601.99	$853.99*	$901.99*
Tucker Kelley	$2,601.00	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid

Award of bid to highest responsible bidder as follows:
C26 Liberty Motors, Inc.
C25 Jersey One Auto Sales, Inc
C21 *Under minimum bid specification
C20 *Under minimum bid specification

Bid - December 1, 2010, for Equipment Sale – Surplus Equipment, no bidders responded.

Bid Solar

Sealed bids were received on December 3, 2010, for Roof Top Solar Photovoltaic System Installation at the Copeland Middle School and Stony Brook Elementary School. Five (5) bidders responded as follows:

Copeland Middle School

	Base Bid	Alternate
Barrier Electric Co.	$1,526,686.00	$19,500.00
EMSA Construction LLC	$1,594.800.00	$30,000.00
Meridian Property Services Inc.	$1,604,000.00	$35,000.00
APS Contractors, Inc.	$1,800,000.00	$20,000.00
Tru-Val Electric Corp.	$1,986,000.00	$21,000.00

Award of bid to lowest responsible bidder Barrier Electric Company, in full conformance with specifications.

Stony Brook School

	Base Bid
EMSA Construction LLC	$1,046,900.00
Meridian Property Services Inc.	$1,076,000.00
APS Contractors, Inc.	$1,087,600.00
Tru-Val Electric Corp.	$1,225,000.00

Award of bid to lowest responsible bidder Barrier Electric Company, in full conformance with specifications.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

Donation

Approve a donation by Anna Paolino and Gale Rooney, Kessler employees, of $70.82 toward the travel for Stony Brook 4th and 5th Grade students to attend a field Trip to Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation. Donation was made so students can play for patients during the holiday season.

Explanation: Employees feel it is therapeutic for the patients and important for the children to give back to the community.

Old Business
None

New Business
None

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Puzio that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:44 PM
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Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. JAMES P. VERBIST
Board Secretary